# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

BETTE M. GROSSMAN, on Behalf of Herself and All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

VS.

OPPENHEIMER & CO. INC, FREEDOM INVESTMENTS INC., OPPENHEIMER ASSET MANAGEMENT and OPPENHEIMER HOLDINGS INC.,

Defendants.

DAVID T. VINING, Individually and on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

OPPENHEIMER HOLDINGS INC., OPPENHEIMER & CO. INC. and OPPENHEIMER ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.

Defendants.

**CLASS ACTION** 

Civil Action No. 08 CV 3528 (LAP)

**CLASS ACTION** 

Civil Action No. 08 CV 4435 (LAP)

DECLARATION OF JASON D'AGNENICA IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION OF THE GROSSMAN GROUP FOR CONSOLIDATION, APPOINTMENT AS LEAD PLAINTIFF AND APPROVAL OF SELECTION OF LEAD COUNSEL I, Jason D'Agnenica, hereby declare:

1. I am an attorney with the law firm of Stull, Stull & Brody. I submit this

Declaration in support of the motion of the Grossman Group for consolidation, appointment as

lead plaintiff and approval of selection of co-lead counsel.

2. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the notice of pendency

published over Business Wire, a national business-oriented newswire service, on April 11, 2008.

3. Attached hereto as Exhibit B are true and correct copies of the plaintiff

certifications executed by the members of the Grossman Group, which demonstrate their class

standing and requisite financial interest in the outcome of the litigation.

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a chart summarizing the transactions of the

Grossman Group in Oppenheimer auction rate securities during the proposed class period.

5. Attached hereto as Exhibit D is a true and correct copy of Stull, Stull & Brody's

firm biography.

6. Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a true and correct copy of Weiss & Lurie's firm

biography.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit F is an April 11, 2008 Business Wire article entitled

"Eaton Vance Announces New Financing Arrangement for Four Closed-End Funds."

8. Attached hereto as Exhibit G is a table prepared by Allianz Global Investors dated

as of May 29, 2008 setting forth "Auction Rate Preferred Securities: Daily Max Rates."

Signed under penalties of perjury this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008.

By: /s/ Jason D'Agnenica

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Jason D'Agnenica, hereby certify that on June 10, 2008, I filed and served the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court via CM/ECF in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Southern District's Rules on Electronic Service upon the following counsel of record in the action:

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# Exhibit A

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HEADLINE: Stull, Stull & Brody Announces Class Action against Oppenheimer Holdings Inc. on Behalf of Pur-

chasers of Auction Rate Securities

**DATELINE:** NEW YORK

#### **BODY:**

Notice is hereby given that the law firm of Stull, Stull & Brody filed a class action lawsuit on April 11, 2008 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on behalf of all persons and entities who purchased and/or acquired auction rate securities from Oppenheimer Holdings Inc. (NYSE: OPY) and certain of its affiliates between April 9, 2003 and February 13, 2008, inclusive (the "Class Period"), and continued to hold such auction rate securities through February 13, 2008.

The class action is brought against Oppenheimer Holdings Inc., Oppenheimer & Co. Inc, Oppenheimer Asset Management and Freedom Investments Inc. (collectively, "Oppenheimer"), in connection with the sale of auction rate securities, auction rate preferred stock, auction market preferred stock, variable rate preferred securities, money market preferred securities, periodic auction rate securities and auction rate bonds (collectively, "Auction Rate Securities").

The Complaint alleges that **Oppenheimer** violated Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by deceiving investors about the investment characteristics of **Auction Rate** Securities and the auction market in which these securities traded. The Complaint alleges that Oppenheimer offered and sold Auction Rate Securities to the public as highly liquid cash-management vehicles and as suitable alternatives to money market mutual funds. According to the Complaint, holders of Auction Rate Securities sold by Oppenheimer and other broker-dealers have been unable to liquidate their positions in these securities following the decision on February 13, 2008 of all major brokerdealers including Oppenheimer to "withdraw their support" for the periodic auctions at which the interest rates paid on Auction Rate Securities are set.

The Complaint alleges that **Oppenheimer** failed to disclose the following material facts about the **Auction Rate** Securities it sold to investors: (1) the **Auction Rate** Securities were not cash alternatives, like money market funds, but were, instead, complex long-term financial instruments with 30 year maturity dates, or longer; (2) the Auction Rate Securities were only liquid at the time of sale because **Oppenheimer** and other broker-dealers were artificially supporting and manipulating the auction rate market to maintain the appearance of liquidity and stability; (3) Oppenheimer and other broker-dealers routinely intervened in auctions for their own benefit, to set rates and prevent all-hold auctions and failed auctions; and (4) Oppenheimer continued to market Auction Rate Securities as liquid investments after it had determined that it and other broker-dealers were likely to withdraw their support for the periodic auctions and that a "freeze" of the market for Auction Rate Securities would result.

If you purchased or otherwise acquired Auction Rate Securities from Oppenheimer between April 9, 2003 and February 13, 2008, and continued to hold such securities as of February 13, 2008, you may, no later than sixty days from today, request that the Court appoint you as lead plaintiff. A lead plaintiff is a representative party acting on behalf of other class members in directing the litigation. To be appointed lead plaintiff, the Court must decide that your claim is typical of the claims of other class members, and that you will adequately represent the class. Your ability to share in any recovery is not affected by the decision whether or not to serve as a lead plaintiff. You may retain Stull, Stull & Brody, or other counsel of your choice, to serve as your counsel in this action. Stull, Stull & Brody has litigated many

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class actions for violations of securities laws in federal courts over the past 30 years and has obtained court approval of substantial settlements on numerous occasions. Stull, Stull & Brody maintains offices in both New York and Los Angeles.

If you wish to discuss this action or have any questions concerning this notice or your rights or interests with respect to these matters, please contact Tzivia Brody, Esq. at Stull, Stull & Brody, by e-mail at SSBNY@aol.com, by calling toll-free 1-800-337-4983, by fax to 1-212-490-2022, or by writing to Stull, Stull & Brody, 6 East 45th Street, New York, NY 10017. You can also visit our website atwww.ssbny.com.

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**URL:** http://www.businesswire.com

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Exhibit B

## PLAINTIFF CERTIFICATION

BETTE M. GROSSMAN ("Plaintiff") hereby states that:

- Plaintiff has reviewed the complaint and has authorized the filing of the complaint on her 1. behalf.
- Plaintiff did not purchase any auction rate securities from Oppenheimer at the direction of her counsel or in order to participate in this private action.
- Plaintiff is willing to serve as a representative party on behalf of a class, including 3. providing testimony at deposition and trial, if necessary.
- My purchases and sales of auction rate securities sold to me through Oppenheimer are attached as Attachment A to this document.
- Plaintiff has not served or sought to serve as a representative party on behalf of a class under the federal securities laws during the last three years, unless otherwise stated in the space below:
- Plaintiff will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of a class except to receive her pro rata share of any recovery, or as ordered or approved by the court including the award to a representative party of reasonable costs and expenses including lost wages relating to the representation of the class.

Plaintiff declares under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this // day of April, 2008.

#### ATTACHMENT A

BETTE M. GROSSMAN'S TRANSACTIONS IN AUCTION RATE SECURITIES SOLD BY OPPENHEIMER BETWEEN APRIL 9, 2003 AND FEBRUARY 13, 2008, AND HELD AS OF FEBRAURY 13, 2008

Trade Date	Auction Rate Security	Number of Shares	Price Per Share/Unit	Buy or Sell
10/3/06	BlackRock Muniholdings NY Ins. Tax Free Pfd. Auc. Ser. E Tues.	1	\$25,000	Bought
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10/3/06	BlackRock Muniholdings NY Ins. Tax Free Pfd. Auc. Ser. E Tues.	Y	\$25,000	Bought
10/3/06	BlackRock Muniholdings NY Ins. Tax Free Pfd. Auc. Ser. E Tues.	1	\$25,000	Bought

### PLAINTIFF CERTIFICATION

KATHLEEN M. HNATH (SUCC TTEES) ("Plaintiff") hereby states that:

- Plaintiff has reviewed the complaint and has authorized the filing of the complaint on her behalf.
- Plaintiff did not purchase any auction rate securities from Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. at the direction of her counsel or in order to participate in this private action.
- Plaintiff is willing to serve as a representative party on behalf of a class, including providing testimony at deposition and trial, if necessary. I understand that the litigation is not settled, this is not a claim form, and sharing in any recovery is not dependent upon execution of this Plaintiff Certification. I am willing to serve as a lead plaintiff either individually or as part of a group. A lead plaintiff is a representative party who acts on behalf of other class members in directing the action.
- My purchases and sales of auction rate securities sold to me through Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., which are the subject of the complaint, and which I continued to hold as of February 13, 2008, are attached as Attachment A to this document.
- Plaintiff has not served or sought to serve  $\varepsilon$ s a representative party on behalf of a class under the federal securities laws during the last three years, unless otherwise stated in the space below:
- Plaintiff will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of a class except to receive her pro rata share of any recovery, or as ordered or approved by the court including the award to a representative party of reasonable costs and expenses including lost wages relating to the representation of the class.

Kathleen M. Hnath

Plaintiff declares under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 29 day of MAY, 2008.

NOTE: CHARLENE STEPHENS, CO-SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE, WILL BE

PROVIDING HER CERTIFICATION IN A SEPARATE HAILING

### ATTACHMENT A

TRANSACTIONS IN AUCTION RATE SECURITIES SOLD BY OPPENHEIMER & CO. INC., AND HELD AS OF FEBRUARY 13, 2008

Trade Date	Auction Rate Security	Number of Shares	Price Per Share/Unit	Buy or Sell
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## PLAINTIFF CERTIFICATION

CHALLENE TIPHENS (See TRUSTEE ("Plaintiff") hereby states that:

- 1. Plaintiff has reviewed the complaint and has authorized the filing of the complaint on her behalf.
- 2. Plaintiff did not purchase any auction rate securities from Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. at the direction of her counsel or in order to participate in this private action.
- Plaintiff is willing to serve as a representative party on behalf of a class, including providing testimony at deposition and trial, if necessary. I understand that the litigation is not settled, this is not a claim fonn, and sharing in any recovery is not dependent upon execution of this Plaintiff Certification. I am willing to serve as a lead plaintiff either individually or as part of a group. A lead plaintiff is a representative party who acts on behalf of other class members in directing the action.
- 4. My purchases and sales of auction rate securities sold to me through Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., which are the subject of the complaint, and which I continued to hold as of February 13, 2008, are attached as Attachment A to this document.
- 5. Plaintiff has not served or sought to serve as a representative party on behalf of a class under the federal securities laws during the last three years, unless otherwise stated in the space below:
- 6. Plaintiff will not accept any payment for serving as a representative party on behalf of a class except to receive her pro rata share of any recovery, or as ordered or approved by the court including the award to a representative party of reasonable costs and expenses including lost wages relating to the representation of the class.

Plaintiff declares under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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BlackRock Muniholdings NY Ins. Tax Free Pfd. Auc. Ser. E Tues	10/3/2006	1	\$25,000	\$25,000					1	\$25,000	\$25,000
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PIMCO Corporate Opp FD Fri Preferred Auction Series F Moody's AAA	5/11/2007	14	\$25,000	\$350,000	11/5/2007	14	\$25,000	\$350,000				
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PIMCO Corporate Opp FD Fri Preferred Auction Series F Moody's AAA	5/18/2007	1	\$25,000	\$25,000	11/5/2007	1	\$25,000	\$25,000				
PIMCO Corporate Opp FD Fri Preferred Auction Series F Moody's AAA	6/1/2007	1	\$25,000	\$25,000	11/5/2007	1	\$25,000	\$25,000				
PIMCO Corporate Opp FD Fri Preferred Auction Series F Moody's AAA	8/17/2007	4	\$25,000	\$100,000	11/5/2007	4	\$25,000	\$100,000				
PIMCO Corporate Opp FD Fri Preferred Auction Series F Moody's AAA	10/5/2007	10	\$25,000	\$250,000	11/5/2007	10	\$25,000	\$250,000				
Tortoise Energy Infrastructure Sr Nt Series C Auction Rate	11/6/2007	150000	100% par	\$150,000	1/29/2008	150,000	100% par	\$150,000				
Eaton Vance Sr Fltng Rte Tr Mon 7 days Preferred Auction Series B Moodys AAA	1/29/2008	6	\$25,000	\$150,000	5/5/2008	3	25,000	\$75,000	3	\$25,000	\$75,000	
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Combined Totals:				\$1,150,000				\$975,000			\$175,000	

# Exhibit D

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### **BRIEF BIOGRAPHY OF STULL, STULL & BRODY**

Over the past 30 years, Stull, Stull & Brody has developed a national reputation representing plaintiffs in securities class actions. Stull, Stull & Brody has litigated hundreds of securities cases obtaining nearly a billion dollars in settlements for aggrieved shareholders. Stull, Stull & Brody has also represented claimants in numerous class actions alleging violations of ERISA. With 17 attorneys and a full complement of secretarial and administrative personnel, Stull, Stull & Brody is capable of effectively prosecuting all types of complex litigation. Our lawyers possess outstanding credentials and have repeatedly been acknowledged for their achievements.

Stull, Stull & Brody has been recognized by numerous Courts for the high quality of its legal representation and for its excellence in the field of securities as evidenced by the following comments of judges in cases where Stull, Stull & Brody has taken a leading role:

The firms involved, I think we heard from several of them today, the papers that have been submitted, it is clear of the dedication, devotion, professionalism, and in the court's view efficiency of these firms, so there is no question in the court's mind of the quality of the representation. *In re American Express Fin'l Advisors Sec. Litig.*, 04 Civ. 1773 (DAB) (S.D.N.Y. July 13, 2007).

[T]his is one of the largest, if not the largest, securities fraud settlements in this district. The settlement size is particularly noteworthy as class counsel did not have the benefit of an SEC or other regulatory agency investigation and so prosecuted the case without assistance.... The management of the case was also of extremely high quality.... [C]lass

counsel is of high caliber and has extensive experience in similar class action litigation. Each of the co-lead counsel firms has a national reputation for advocacy in securities class actions, and there is no doubt that this standing enhanced their ability to prosecute the case effectively and to negotiate credibly.... The submissions were of consistently high quality, and class counsel has been notably diligent in preparing filing in a timely manner even when under tight deadlines. *In re Ikon Office Solutions, Inc Securities Litigation*, 2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 6510 (E.D. Pa. May 9, 2000).

I am satisfied that counsel in this case are highly competent, very skilled in this very specialized area and were at all times during the course of the litigation . . . well prepared, well spoken, []knew their stuff and []were a credit to their profession. They are the top of the line. *In Re Electro-Catheter Corporation Securities Litigation*, Civ. No. 87-41 (D.N.J. September 7, 1989).

The court takes note of the competence of both plaintiffs' counsel and defendants' counsel and their extensive experience in litigating securities class actions. The competence of plaintiffs' counsel resulted in this case being vigorously and efficiently prosecuted against very able opponents over a twenty month period and was a factor in bringing about settlement. Schaffer v. Timberland Co., 94-634-JD (D.N.H. 1997).

This case is a "model for how commercial litigation should be conducted and can be resolved." Bash v. Diagnostek, CV 94-794 M (D.N.M.).

Indeed, I indicate to...counsel for plaintiff that they have done an admirable job in this case in bringing it to finality and in bringing back to the shareholders of this corporation some moneys [sic] as a result of certain things which occurred during the course of the operation of this corporation which perhaps should not have occurred. *Finkel v. O'Brien*, Civ. No. 85-2539 (D.N.J. March 27, 1990).

All the firms involved in this litigation are highly experienced and well respected, particularly in the field of securities law litigation. The Stull . . . firm [is one] of this area's, if not the nation's most active and successful law firms specializing in securities litigation. *Stull v. Baker*, 410 F. Supp. 1326, 1332 (S.D.N.Y. 1976).

Stull, Stull & Brody's expertise in the field of securities litigation has also been recognized by the following courts: In re Frontier Group Insurance, Inc. Securities

Litigation, 172 F.R.D. 31 (E.D.N.Y. 1997); In re Allegheny International Inc. Shareholder

Litigation, 86-835 (W.D. Pa.) (Order, December 10, 1987, Diamond J.); Zucker v. United

States Steel, C-1-79-588 (S.D. Ohio) (Order, October 14, 1981, Rubin, C.J.); Friedman v.

Colgate Palmolive, 80 Civ. 2340 (CPS) (E.D. N.Y.) (Order, June 16, 1981, Sifton, J.);

Zuckerman v. Sparton, G79-457-C.A. (W.D. Mich.) (Opinion and Order, April 14, 1981,

Fox, J.); Mottoros v. Abrams, 524 F.Supp. 254 (N.D. III. 1981); Koenig v. Smith, 79 C 452

(ERN) (E.D.N.Y.) (Memorandum Opinion and Order, December 3, 1980, Neaher, J.);

Koenig v. Kenneally, 79 Civ. 0487 (LBS) (S.D.N.Y.) (Opinion No. 49289, November 5, 1979,

Sand, J.); In Re Commonwealth Oil-Tesoro Petroleum Securities Litigation, MDL No. 347

(Order, July 24, 1979, Higginbotham, J.); Wietschner v. McCulloch, CV 78-4036-RMT

(C.D. Ca.) (Order, June 29, 1979, Takasugi, J.); Fruchthandler v. LTV Corp., 77C 1879

(E.D.N.Y.) (Order, May 10, 1978, Nickerson, J.); Lewis v. Adikes, 76 F.R.D. 68 (E.D.N.Y. 1977); Lewis v. Black, [1976-77 Transfer Binder] Fed. Sec. L. Rep. (CCH) ¶ 95,738 (E.D.N.Y. 1976) (Mishler, C.J.); Fruchthandler v. Blakely, 73 F.R.D. 318 (S.D.N.Y. 1976).

#### **SEMINAL CASES**

Throughout its 30 year history, Stull, Stull & Brody has been involved with a number of seminal cases that have significantly affected the landscape of securities litigation.

- ♦ In Rand v. Monsanto Company, 926 F.2d 596 (7th Cir. 1991), the firm appeared for the plaintiff in a landmark decision establishing the principle that a representative plaintiff need not be willing to bear all costs of an action to satisfy the adequacy of representation requirement.
- In Small v. Fritz Companies Inc., 30 Cal.4th 167 (2003), the firm successfully argued before the California Supreme Court that a non-trading shareholder has the right to sue a corporation for damages where the shareholder relies on false financial statements issued by the corporation. The decision represented a significant doctrinal change and was widely heralded as a potent new weapon for investors.
- ♦ In Lewis v. Black, 74 F.R.D. 1 (E.D.N.Y. 1975), the firm established that neither the personality nor the motive of a proposed class representative was determinative of whether he would provide vigorous advocacy for the class, thereby preventing defendant corporations from compelling representatives to respond to questions regarding motives and actions in past cases.
- ♦ In In re Cabletron Systems, Inc. Securities Litigation, 311 F.3d 11 (1st Cir.

2002), the firm was instrumental in obtaining a reversal of a dismissal of a complaint under the pleading requirements of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act. This case established in the First Circuit that plaintiffs are not required to provide the names of informants in a complaint.

- ♦ In In re Frontier Group Insurance Litigation, Master File No. 94 Civ. 5213 (E.D.N.Y. 2002), the firm was instrumental in defeating a Daubert challenge and sustained the ability of the expert to testify as to aggregate damages based on the use of a trading model.
- ♦ In Harman v. Lyphomed, Inc., 122 F.R.D. 522 (N.D. III. 1988), the firm established the applicability of the fraud-on-the-market theory of reliance for stocks trading on NASDAQ.
- The firm was instrumental in establishing new law on "fraud on the market" theory in the 5th Circuit decision of Finkel v. Docutel/Olivetti Corporation, 817 F.2d 356 (5th Cir. 1987), cert. denied, 485 U.S. 959 (1988), and, in the Northern District of Illinois decision of Mottoros v. Abrams, 524 F.Supp. 254 (N.D. III. 1981).

As a lead counsel, Stull, Stull & Brody has successfully litigated hundreds of actions, recovering nearly a billion dollars on behalf of defrauded shareholders. A sampling of these cases in which Stull, Stull & Brody had a leading role include:

#### <u>Settled Securities Class Action Cases</u>

- In re Bankamerica Corp. Securities Litigation, MDL No. 1264 (E.D. Mo. 2002) (recovery of \$333.2 million)
- In re Geodyne Resources, Inc. Securities Litigation (Harris County Tex.) (recovery of \$200 million)
- In re Computer Associates Sec. Litig., Master File No. 98-CV-4839 (TCP)
   (E.D.N.Y. 2003) (recovery of 5.7 million shares (estimated at \$134 million))
- Spahn v. Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P. et al., 04-CV-00086 (E.D. Mo. 2007) (recovery of \$72.5 million in credits for current Edward Jones customers and \$55 million in cash for former Edward Jones customers. In addition, defendants paid all reasonable costs and expenses of class notice and settlement administration)
- In re American Express Financial Advisors Sec. Litig., 04-CV-1773 (S.D.N.Y.) (recovery of \$100 million in cash and implementation of significant remedial measures. In addition, defendants paid all reasonable costs of class notice and settlement administration, which is currently estimated to be \$15 to 18 million)
- In re Ikon Office Solutions, Inc. Securities Litigation, MDL No. 1318 (E.D. Pa.

May 9, 2000) (recovery of \$111 million)

- In re Salomon Brothers Treasury Litigation, Consolidated Action No. 91 Civ.
   5471 (RPP) (S.D.N.Y. 1994) (recovery of \$100 million)
- In re Westinghouse Securities Litigation, Civil Action No. 91-354 (W.D. Pa. 1999) (recovery of \$67.25 million)
- In re Peregrine Systems, Inc. Sec. Litig., Civil Action No. 02-CV-870 J (RBB)
   (S.D. Ca. 2006) (recovery of \$56.29 million for partial settlement of claims)
- In re Thomas & Betts Securities Litigation, Case No. 00-2127 (W.D. Tenn. 2002) related case: Pifko v. KPMG LLP, Civ. Action No. 01-CV-2553 (W.D. Tenn. 2004) (recovery of \$51.15 millon)
- In re Tenneco Inc. Securities Litigation, Civ. Action No. H-91-2010 (S.D. Tex. 1992) (recovery of \$50 million)
- In re Apria Healthcare Group Securities Litigation, Master File No. 797060 (Superior Court of California, Orange County) (recovery of \$42 million)
- Thomas Levitan v. John B. McCoy, Jr., et al., Case No. 00 C 5096 (N.D. III. 2006) (recovery of \$39.9 million)
- In re Cannon Group Securities Litigation, 86-5559-WMB (JRx) (C.D. Ca. 1988) (recovery of \$33 million)
- Teichler v. DSC Communications Corporation, CA 3-85-2005-T (N.D. Tex. 1990) (recovery of \$30 million)
- Berger v. Compaq Computer Corp., Civ. Action No. 98-1148 (S.D. Tex. 2002) (recovery of \$28.65 million)
- In re: Northeast Utilities Securities Litigation, Civil Action No. 397 CV 00189
   AVC (D. Ct.) (recovery of \$25 million)
- Lasky v. Brown (United Companies Financial Corporation) Securities
   Litigation, Civil Action No. 99-1035-B-M2 (M.D. La. 2002) (recovery of \$20.5 million)
- Lasker et al v. Kanas et. al, Index No. 103557/06 (New York County, NY) (recovery of \$20 million and other consideration)
- Feinberg v. Hibernia Corp., Civil Action No. 90-4245 (E.D. La. 1995) (recovery of \$20 million)
- In re Dreyfus Aggressive Growth Mutual Fund Litigation, Master File No. 98
   Civ. 4318 (HB) (S.D.N.Y.) (recovery of \$18.5 million)
- In re C.R. Bard, Inc. Securities Litigation, Master File No. 90-948 (AMW)

(D.N.J. 1991) (recovery of \$17.9 million)

- Spring v. Continental Illinois Corporation, 84 C 4648 (N.D. Ill. 1987) (recovery of \$17.5 million)
- Morse v. Abbott Laboratories, C.A. No. 90 C 1982 (N.D. III. 1994) (jury verdict of \$15 million)
- In re Green Tree Financial Corporation Stock Litigation, Master File No. 97-2666 (JRT/RLE) (D. Minn. 2003) (\$12.45 million)
- In re Elscint Securities Litigation, Civ. Action No. 85-2662-K (D. Mass. 1989) (recovery of \$12 million)
- In re National Medical Enterprises Securities Litigation II, Case No. CV 93-5224 TJH (Bx) (C.D. Ca.) (recovery of \$11.65 million)
- Bash v. Diagnostic, Inc., Civil Action No. 94-784 (D.N.M.) (recovery of \$10.7 million)
- In re Cybermedia, Inc. Securities Litigation, Master File No. 98-1811CBM (Ex) (C.D. Ca.) (recovery of \$10.5 million)
- In re Cabletron Systems, Inc. Sec. Litig., C 97-542 (D.R.I. 2006) (recovery of \$10.5 million)
- In re Physicians Corp. of America Sec. Litig., Case No. 97-3678-CIV (S.D. Fla. 2003) (recovery of \$10.2 million)
- In re Complete Management Inc. Sec. Litig., Master File No. 99 Civ. 1454 (NRB) (S.D.N.Y.) (recovery of \$10.15 million)
- In re U.S.A. Detergent Securities Litigation, 97-CV-2459 (D.N.J. 1999) (recovery of \$10 million)
- In Re: Biopure Corporation Sec. Litig., Docket No. 03-CV-12628 (NG) (D. Mass. 2007) (cash recovery of \$10 million)
- In re Nice Systems, Ltd. Securities Litigation, Master File No. 2:01 CV 737 (Judge Greenaway) (D.N.J. 2003) (recovery of \$10 million)
- Harman v. Lyphomed, 88 C 476 (N.D. III. 1989) (recovery of \$9.99 million)
- In re Beverly Enterprises, Inc. Securities Litigation, Master File No. CV 88-01189-RSWL (Tx) (C.D. Ca. 1992) (recovery of \$9.975 million)
- Greenfield v. Compuserve Corp., Case No. 96-CV-06-4810 (Franklin County, Ohio) (recovery of \$9.5 million)
- In re Stratosphere Securities Litigation, Master File No. CV-S-96-00708-PMP

(RLH) (D. Nev.) (recovery of \$9 million)

- In re Steven Madden Ltd. Securities Litigation, No. 00-CV-3676 (JG) (E.D.N.Y. 2002) (recovery of \$9 million)
- In re Gibraltar Financial Corporation Securities Litigation, CV 87-07876 MRP (Gx) (C.D. Ca. 1989) (recovery of \$8.5 million)
- In re FHP Securities Litigation, Master File No. SACV 91-580-GLT (RWRx)
   (C.D. Ca. 1992) (recovery of \$8.25 million)
- Zucker v. Maxicare Health Plans, Inc., Case No. 88-02499-LEW (Tx) (C.D. Ca. 1991) (recovery of \$8.1 million)
- In re Orion Pictures Corp. Securities Litigation, Master File No. 91 CV 1903 (CBA) (E.D.N.Y. 1992) (recovery of \$8 million)
- Berlinsky v. Alcatel, 94-CIV-9084 CBM (S.D.N.Y.) (recovery of \$8 million)
- In re Triton Energy Corporation Securities Litigation, Master File No. 3:92-CV-1069-H (N.D. Tex. 1993) (recovery of \$8 million)
- In re Cityscape, CV 97 5668 (E.D.N.Y.) (recovery of \$7 million)
- In re Dime Savings Bank of New York Securities Litigation, MDL Docket No. 846 (E.D.N.Y. 1993) (recovery of \$6.8 million)
- In re Western Digital Securities Litigation, SACV 91-375(A) GLT (RWRx) (C.D. Ca.) (recovery of \$6.75 million)
- In re Bank of New England Corporation Class Action and Shareholder Litigations, C.A. Nos. 89-2582-S, 89-2811-S (D. Mass. 1992) (recovery of \$6.5 million)
- In re Berkshire Realty Company, Inc. Shareholder Litigation, C.A. No. 17242 (Delaware Chancery Court 2004) (recovery of \$6.25 million)
- Gerstein v. Micron Technology, Inc., et al., Civil No. 89-1262 (D. Id. 1993) (recovery of \$6 million)
- In re Ziff-Davis, Inc. Securities Litigation, Master File No. 98-CIV-7158 (SWK) (S.D.N.Y. 2002) (recovery of \$6 million)
- Dynegy Inc., et al. v. Bernard V. Shapiro, et al., No. 2002-00080, in the 129th Judicial District, Harris County, Texas (recovery of \$6 million)
- In re Ascend Communications Securities Litigation, Case No. 97-9376 MRP (AN) (C.D. Ca. 2002) (recovery of \$5.45 million)

- In re Brightpoint, Inc. Securities Litigation, Case No. IP 01 1796 C-T/K (recovery of \$5.25 million)
- Kushner v. Wang Laboratories, Civil Action No. 89-1963-Y (D. Mass. 1994) (recovery of \$5 million)
- In re SouthEast Banking Corp. Securities Litigation, Master File No. 90-0760-CIV-MOORE (S.D. Fla. 1993) (recovery of \$5 million)
- Wells v. Southmark Corporation, et al., CA3-85-1518-G (N.D. Tex. 1992) (recovery of \$5 million)
- In re Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Securities Litigation, Civil Action No. 03 CV 311 (RWS) (S.D.N.Y. 2005) (recover of \$4.7 million)
- In re Sunglass Hut Intl., Inc. Securities Litigation, Case No. 97-0191-CIV-MOORE (S.D. Fl. 2001) (recovery of \$4.5 million)
- Clive T. Miller v. Apropos Technology, Inc., et al., No. 01 C 8406 (N.D. III. 2004) (recovery of \$4.5 million)
- In re Fidelity Holdings Securities Litigation, Case No. CV 00 5078 (CPS) (VVP) (E.D.N.Y. 2003) (recovery of \$4.45 million)
- Adam Burstyn, et al. v. Worldwide Xceed Group, Inc., et al., Case No. 01 CV 1125 (GEL) (S.D.N.Y. 2005) (recovery of \$4.4 million)
- In re NetEase.com Sec. Litig., Civil Action No. 01-CV-9405 (RO) (S.D.N.Y. 2003) (recovery of \$4.35 million)
- In re Flextronics, Inc. Sec. Litig., No. C-03-2102 PJH (N.D. Ca. 2004) (recovery of \$4.25 million)
- Schaffer v. Timberland Co., 94-634-JD (D.N.H. 1997) (recovery of \$4.2 million)
- In re HMO America Securities Litigation, Civ. No. 92 C 3305 (CPK) (N.D. III. 1993) (recovery of \$4 million)
- In re Nanophase Technologies Corporation Securities Litigation, Case No. 98 C 3450 (N.D. III.) (recovery of \$4 million)
- In re Quintex Securities Litigation, Master File No. CV-89-6182-R (C.D. Ca. 1990) (recovery of \$4 million)
- Walsingham v. Biocontrol Tech. Inc., Civil Action No. 96-809 (W.D. Pa.) (recovery of \$3.7 million)
- In re Irvine Sensors Corp. Sec. Litig., Master File No. SA 02-00159 GLT (MLGx)
   (C.D. Ca. 1994) (recovery of \$3.5 million)

- In re iTurf Inc. Shareholders Litigation, Consolidated Civil Action No. 18242
   NC (Delaware Chancery Court) (recovery of \$3.25 million)
- In re Safety Kleen Rollins Shareholder Litig., Case No. 3:00-1343-17 (D.S.C. 2005) (recovery of \$3.15 million)
- In re Kay Jewelers Securities Litigation, Civil Action No. 90-1663A (E.D. Va. 1991) (recovery of \$3 million)
- Clarkson v. Greyhound Lines, Inc., 96-11329-C (Dist. Ct., Dallas County, Tex.) (recovery of \$3 million)
- In re TwinLab Corp. Securities Litigation, Master File No. 00-CV-6975 (DRH) (E.D.N.Y. 2005) (recover of \$3 million)
- In re Spectrian Corp. Securities Litigation, Master File No. C-97-4672-CW
   (N.D. Ca.) (recovery of \$2.975 million)
- Moriarty v. Molina, Case No. 99-0255-CIV-MORENO (S.D. Fla. 2003) (recovery of \$2.8 million)
- In re Peritus Software Services, Inc. Securities Litigation, Civ. Action No. 98CV10955 WGY (D. Mass. 2000) (recovery of \$2.8 million)
- In re 2TheMart.com, Inc. Sec. Litig., Case No. 99-1127 DOC (ANx) (C.D. Ca. 2002) (recovery of \$2.7 million)
- McBride v. Vision Twenty-One, Inc., Case No. 99-138-CIV-T-25F (M.D. Fl. 2003) (recovery of \$2.5 million)
- In re Pharmaprint Inc. Sec. Litig., Civ. No. 00-61 (AJL) (D.N.J. 2003) (recovery of \$2.3 million)
- In Re: Columbia Entities Litigation, 04-CV-11704 (D. Mass. 2004) (reduction in the overall rate charged as advisory fees (i.e., "breakpoints) when the mutual funds advised by the advisers reach certain levels of assets under management, enhanced shareholder communications, and a \$100,000 contribution to research expenses for the benefit of some or all of the settling funds)

#### Settled ERISA Class Action Cases

- In re AOL Time Warner ERISA Litigation, Civil Action No. 02 CV 8853 (SWK) (S.D.N.Y. 2006) (recovery of \$100 million in cash to the company's 401(k) plan in what the court noted was "one of the largest ERISA settlements to date")
- In re Global Crossing Ltd. ERISA Litig., Master File No. 02-cv-7453 (GEL)
   (S.D.N.Y. 2004) (Stull, Stull & Brody served as liaison counsel for the class in

a case which recovered a payment of \$79 million to the company's 401(k) plan)

- In re Lucent Technologies, Inc. ERISA Litig., Civil Action No. 01-cv-3491 (JAP) (D.N.J. 2005) (recovery of \$69 million in cash and stock to the company's 401(k) plan)
- In re Worldcom, Inc. ERISA Litig., Master File No. 02-4816 (DLC) (S.D.N.Y. 2005) (Stull, Stull & Brody served as local counsel for the class in a case which recovered \$47.15 million for the company's 401(k) plan)
- Harrington v. Household International, Inc., Civil Action No. 02 C 8257 (SY) (N.D. III. 2004) (recovery of \$46.5 million in cash to the company's 401 (k) plan)
- In re Cardinal Health, Inc. ERISA Litig., No. C2-04-643 (ALM) (S.D. Ohio 2007) (recovery of \$40 million in cash to the company's 401 (k) plan)
- In re Sears, Roebuck & Co. ERISA Litig., No. 02 C 8324 (JWD) (N.D. III. 2007) (recovery of \$14.5 million in cash to the company's 401(k) plan)
- Russell v. Conseco Services, LLC 1:02-cv-1639-LJM (S. D. Ind. 2005) (recovery of \$9.975 million in cash to the company's 401(k) plan)
- In re Sprint Corporation ERISA Litig., Master File No. 2:03-CV-02202-JWL (D. Kan. 2006) (recovery of \$4 million in cash, as well as benefits to participants in the company's 401(k) plans including: increased vesting of employee accounts; increased company matching of employer contributions; a number of participant-friendly plan amendments; and improved participant communications)

Stull, Stull & Brody's advocacy in these and other ERISA class actions, which have been brought on behalf of 401 (k) retirement plan participants and beneficiaries, has also yielded new law in the ERISA field. For example, in the appeal of a dismissal of *In re AEP ERISA Litigation*, Stull, Stull & Brody successfully argued that the plaintiff, who had "cashed out" of his 401 (k) plan, had standing to sue. The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals agreed and remanded the case for further proceedings. *Bridges v. American Electric Power Co., Inc.*, 498 F.3d 442 (6th Cir. 2007). Also, in the *Lucent ERISA* litigation the firm was largely responsible for a frequently-cited ruling by the District Court dated February 11, 2002, where the Court denied a motion to stay the ERISA litigation against Lucent until resolution of a related securities class action against the company. Stull, Stull &

Brody's briefing on the stay motion pointed out the many significant differences between ERISA and securities class actions, even when the ERISA and securities cases involve the same factual issues. The District Court ultimately ruled that "resolution of the securities class action . . . will not necessarily resolve all issues in this matter" and "[t]he legal issues here will still have to be determined, and a stay or continuance shall not change that fact."

Various courts have noted Stull, Stull & Brody's excellence in the field of ERISA Class Actions. E.g., In re Cardinal Health, Inc. ERISA Litig., 225 F.R.D. 552, 556 (S.D. Ohio 2005) ("the Court finds that [co-lead counsel and] Stull, Stull & Brody have a high level of ERISA expertise and are willing to commit each firm's resources to this case such that they fairly and adequately represent all parties on their side"); In re Sprint Corp. ERISA Litig., 443 F. Supp. 2d 1249, 1270 (D. Kan. 2006) ("The high quality of plaintiffs' counsel's work culminated in the successful resolution of this complex case. This was demonstrated by their successful and commendable prosecution of this case through the motion to dismiss stage and the ultimate settlement of this case under favorable terms."); id. at 1260 ("counsel litigated this case during its early phases aggressively and in a manner that demonstrated legal expertise in this area of the law"); In re AOL Time Warner ERISA Litig., 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 70474 (S.D.N.Y. 2006) ("Class counsel are qualified attorneys with considerable ERISA experience. Their prosecution of this lawsuit has secured the substantial Settlement now under consideration. Throughout this litigation, they have shown themselves to be capable and qualified to represent the Class."); Hill v. Tribune Co., 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 23931 (N.D. III. 2005) (finding "that the Stull Group has more experience and possibly greater resources" than the other applicant for lead counsel).

#### Settled Derivative Cases

- Esther Sadowsky Testamentary Trust, et al. v. Brendsel, et al. (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation), 05-cv-2596 (Oct. 27, 2006) (recovery of approximately \$100 million as well as significant corporate governance measures)
- In re Trump Hotels Shareholder Derivative Litig., 98-Civ-7820 (GEL) (S.D.N.Y. 2001) (recovery of assets for corporation valued in the range of \$10 million)

Stull, Stull & Brody is presently serving as plaintiffs' lead or co-lead counsel in a number of pending actions in various district courts, including:

#### Pending Securities Class Action Cases

- Bachman v. AG Edwards, Inc., et al., Cause No. 22052-01266-02 (Mo. Cir. Ct.)
- In re Arotech Corp. Securities Litigation, Master File No. 07-CV-1838 (RJD) (VVP)
- Sharon Bobbitt v. Andrew J. Filiposki, et al., No. 03 C 3599 (N.D. III.)
- In re FleetBoston Financial Corp. Sec. Litig., Civ. No. 02-4561 (WGB) (D.N.J.)
- In Re: Interlink Electronics Inc. Sec. Litig., 05-CV 08133 (AG) (SH) (W.D. Cal.)
- In re Light Management Group, Inc. Sec. Litig., Civil Action No. 02-CV-3345 (RO) (S.D.N.Y.)
- In re Merck & Co., Inc., Securities, Derivative & "ERISA: Litig., MDL No. 1658 (SRC), Case No. 2:05-CV-01151-SRC-MF, (D.N.J.) Case No. 2:05-CV-02367-SRC-MF (D.N.J.)
- In re Metris Companies, Inc. Sec. Litig., Civil Action No. 02-CV-3677
   JMR/FLN (D. Minn.)
- In re Mutual Funds Investment Litig., MDL 1586, Case No. 04-MD-15863 (JFM) (D. Md.); Parthasarathy v. RS Investment Management, L.P., et al., Case No. 04-cv-3798-JFM (D. Md.)
- In re Peregrine Systems, Inc. Sec. Litig., Civil Action No. 02-CV-870 J (RBB) (S.D. Ca.) (for Securities Act of 1933 claims)
- In re Priceline.com, Inc. Sec. Litig., Master File No. 3:00CV01884 (AVC) (D. Conn.)
- In re Rambus Securities Class Action Litig., Master File No. CO6-4346 JF

(N.D. Calif.)

- In re Rhythms Sec. Litig., Civil Action No. 02-K-35 (GCL) (D. Co.)
- In re Xerox Sec. Litig., Civil Action No. 3:99 CV 2374 (AWT) (D. Conn.)

#### Pending ERISA Class Action Cases

- Overby v. Tyco International, Ltd., Case No. 02-CV-1357-B (D.N.H.) (over 80 million pages of discovery were produced to counsel and over 250 days of deposition have been taken to date)
- In re AEP ERISA Litigation, Master File No. C2-03-67 (ALM) (S.D. Ohio)
- Howell et al. v. Koenemann, et al, Case No. 03-CV-5044 (RRP) (N.D. III.)
   (ERISA class action against Motorola, Inc.)
- Zilhaver et al. v. UnitedHealth Group, Inc. et al, Case No. 06-cv-2237 (JMR)
   (D. Minn.)
- Quan v. Computer Sciences Corporation et al, Case No. 06-cv-3927 (CBA) (E.D.N.Y.)
- In re: Diebold ERISA Litig., Case No. 06-cv-00170 (SEL) (N.D. Ohio)
- In Re Affiliated Computer Services ERISA Litig., Master File No. 06-CV-1592 (CBA) (N.D. Tex.)
- In re Boston Scientific Corp. ERISA Litig., Master File No. 06-cv-10105 (JLT)
   (D. Mass.) (Stull, Stull & Brody is serving as counsel for Plaintiffs)
- Lanfear et al. v. Home Depot, et al, 07-cv-197 (ODE) (N.D. Ga.) (appeal pending)
- Pugh et al v. The Tribune Companies et al, 05-c-2927 (WTH) (N.D. III.)
   (appeal pending)
- Fisher v. JP Morgan Chase & Co., et al., 03-CV-3252 (SHS) (S.D.N.Y.) (sole counsel for plaintiffs) (appeal pending)

#### Pending Derivative Cases

- Pincus v. Browne, et al. (BP p.l.c.), 06-cv-6168 (S.D.N.Y. Aug. 14, 2006)
- Lasker v. Massengill (In re State Court Western Digital Corp. Deriv. Litig.), 06-CC-00159 (Cal. Super. Ct., Orange County Aug. 14, 2006)
- In re Foundry Networks, Inc. Deriv. Litig., 1:06-cv-068878 (Cal. Super. Ct., Santa Clara County Aug. 9, 2006)

- In re Hewlett-Packard Company Derivative Litigation, 1:06-cv-071186 (Cal. Super. Ct., Santa Clara County 2006), 2426-VCN (Delaware Chancery Court 2006)
- In Re Jabil Circuit Options Backdating Litigation, 06-CV-01257 (M.D. Fla. 2006)
- Stoll et al., v. Glenayre Technologies, Inc. et al., 07-CV-00608 (S.D.N.Y. 2008)
- Ekas v. Burris, et al. (Citrix Systems, Inc.), 07-016114-11, (Fla. Cir. Ct., Broward County 2007)

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Numerous courts have commended the firm for its expertise and ability:

In Brody v. U.S. West, et al., No. CV-4142 (D. Colo.), Judge Coughlin observed that the case "was litigated by extremely talented lawyers" and "it took a great deal of skill to get to the point of trial." Referring to the firm, Judge Coughlin stated "there wasn't any other lawyers in the United States that took the gamble that these people did. Not one other firm anywhere said, 'I am willing to take that on'...[the shareholders are] fortunate that they had some lawyers that had the guts to come forward and do it...I had the opportunity to watch these attorneys throughout this period of time when I had this case and the [lawyers'] ability is terrific."

In In re McLeodUSA Inc. Securities Litigation, No. C02-0001-MWB (N.D. Iowa), Chief Judge Mark Bennett stated at the final approval hearing: "I thought you all did a great job in this litigation" and "I think very highly of the work that all the lawyers did in the case, and [I am] pleased that you were able to get it resolved."

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In Ellison v. American Image Motor, et al., Civil Action No. 97-3608 (S.D.N.Y.), Judge Chin, approving the settlement and fee application, commented that "It has been many years. The case was hard fought, very capable counsel on both sides, and I saw counsel many times. It was a hard fought case. It was a difficult case."... "It's probably not said very often, but in this case I think plaintiffs' counsel are being under paid." ... "Counsel did a great job..."

In <u>In re United Telecommunications</u>, <u>Inc. Securities Litigation</u>, No. 90-2251-0 (D. Kan.), Judge O'Conner stated "the court finds that plaintiffs' counsel were experienced and qualified attorneys with outstanding professional reputations in securities litigation who ably and zealously prosecuted the instant case on behalf of the class."

In <u>In re VeriFone Inc. Securities Litigation</u>, No. C-93-3640 DCJ (N.D. Cal.), Judge Jensen stated "I think the case was handled extremely well, extremely professionally, so I think you've done very well."

In <u>In re Western Digital Securities Litigation</u>, SACV 91-375(A) GLT (RWRx) (C.D. Cal.), Judge Taylor complimented plaintiffs' attorneys' work in the action, specifically noting "the caliber of the work involved [and] the quality of the attorneys involved."

In <u>Georgallas v. Martin Color-Fi, Inc.</u> Civil Action No. 6:95-06483 (D.S.C.), Judge Anderson expressed "the utmost respect" for the work of the firm.

In <u>Bash v. Diagnostek</u>, CV 94-794 M (D.N.M.), Judge Black said the case provided "a model for how commercial litigation should be conducted and can be resolved."

In <u>In re National Medical Enterprises Litigation</u>, CV 93-5223-TJH and CV 93-5313-TJH (C.D. Cal.), Judge Hatter summed up the settlement hearing by saying, "I want to again thank counsel for the work that you put into this and hopefully it's a settlement for which the claimants themselves will be appreciative of the results."

In <u>In re Santa Fe Southern Pacific Corporation</u>, Consold. Civ. No. 9523 (Del. Ch.), Chancellor Allen of the Delaware Chancery Court approved a settlement and cited the creativity and sophistication of plaintiffs' counsel.

Some of the actions which highlight the firm's accomplishments are:

#### CASES IN WHICH WEISS & LURIE WAS LEAD OR CO-LEAD COUNSEL

<u>Jordan v. California Department of Motor Vehicles</u> (Sacramento Cal.): The California Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District, held that the State of California's \$300 smog impact fee was unconstitutional, paving the way for the creation of a \$665 million fund and full refunds, with interest, to 1.7 million motorists.

<u>In re Geodyne Resources, Inc. Securities Litigation</u> (Harris Cty. Tex.): A recovery (including related litigation) totaling over \$200 million was obtained for the class.

<u>Freddie Mac Derivative Litigation</u> (S.D.N.Y.): Approximately \$100 million was recovered for the Company and significant corporate governance measures were adopted.

Brody v. U.S. West, et al., (D. Colo.): A recovery of \$50 million was obtained for the class.

In re Tenneco Securities Litigation (D. Tex.): A recovery of \$50 million was obtained for the class.

In re Community Psychiatric Center Securities Litigation (C.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$42.5 million was obtained for the class.

In re Crazy Eddie Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): A recovery of \$42 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Apria Healthcare Group Securities Litigation</u> (Orange County Cal.): A recovery of \$42 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Canon Group Securities Litigation</u> (C.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$33 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Platinum Software Securities Litigation</u> (C.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$32 million was obtained for the class.

In re McLeodUSA Inc. Securities Litigation, (N.D. Iowa): A recovery of \$30 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re United Telecommunications Securities Litigation</u> (D. Kan.): A recovery of \$28 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Bergen Brunswig Corp. Sec. Litig.</u>, (C.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$27.9 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Bank of New York Derivative Litigation</u> (Sup. Ct. NY): A recovery of \$26.5 million was obtained for the Company and significant corporate governance measures were adopted.

<u>In re FirstEnergy Shareholder Derivative Litigation</u> (N.D. Ohio): A recovery of \$25 million was obtained for the Company and significant corporate governance measures were adopted.

In re Vodafone Group, PLC Securities Litigation (S.D.N.Y.): A recovery of \$24.5 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Abbey Healthcare Securities Litigation</u> (C.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$20.5 million was obtained for the class.

Feinberg v. Hibernia Corp. (D. La.): A recovery of \$20 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Southern Pacific Funding Corp. Sec. Litig.</u>, (D. Or.): A recovery of \$19.5 million was obtained for the class.

In re Aura Systems, Inc. Securities Litigation (C.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$18 million was obtained for the class.

In re MK Rail Securities Litigation (D. Idaho): A recovery of \$14.65 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re California Microwave Securities Litigation</u> (N.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$14 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re KeySpan Corporation Securities Litigation</u> (E.D.N.Y.): A recovery of \$13.75 million was obtained for the class.

In re Elscint Ltd Securities Litigation (D. Mass.): A recovery of \$12 million was obtained for the class.

Bash v. Diagnostek (D.N.M.): A recovery of \$11.7 million was obtained for the class.

In re Megafoods Securities Litigation (D. Ariz.): A recovery of \$12 million was obtained for the class.

In re GTECH Securities Litigation (D.R.I.): A recovery of \$10.25 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Complete Management, Inc. Securities Litigation</u> (S.D.N.Y.): A recovery of \$10.15 million was obtained for the class.

Berlinsky v. Alcatel (S.D.N.Y.): A recovery of \$8.8 million was obtained for the class.

<u>Lopez v. Checkers Drive-In Restaurants, Inc.</u> (M.D. Fl.): A recovery of over \$8.175 million was obtained for the class.

In re Mesa Airlines Securities Litigation (D.N.M.): A recovery of \$8 million was obtained for the class.

In re Resound Securities Litigation (N.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$8 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Castle Energy Corp. Securities Litigation</u> (C.D. Cal.) A recovery of \$7.5 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Western Digital, Inc. Securities Litigation</u> (C.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$6.75 million was obtained for the class.

In re Circle K Securities Litigation (D. Ariz.): A recovery of \$6 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Aura Systems, Inc. Securities Litigation</u> (C.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$5.55 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Ascend Communications Securities Litigation</u> (C.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$5.45 million was obtained for the class.

In re Southmark Securities Litigation (D. Tex.): A recovery of \$5 million was obtained for the class.

In re WCT Securities Litigation (C.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$5 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Sumitomo Bank of California Securities Litigation</u> (San Francisco Sup. Ct.): A recovery of \$4.95 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re NextLevel Systems, Inc. Securities Litigation</u> (N.D. Ill.): A recovery of \$4.6 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Shopping.com Securities Litigation</u> (C.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$4.5 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Denver Bonds Securities Litigation</u> (D. Colo.): A recovery of \$4.5 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Molecular Dynamics, Inc. Securities Litigation</u> (N.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$4 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Party City Corp. Securities Litigation</u> (D.N.J.): A recovery of \$3.8 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Iwerks Securities Litigation</u> (C.D. Cal.): A recovery of approximately \$3.5 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Davstar, Inc. Securities Litigation</u> (C.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$3.4 million was obtained for the class.

In re Trident Securities Litigation (N.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$3.15 million was obtained for the class.

In re Twinlab Corp. Securities Litigation (E.D.N.Y.): A recovery of \$3 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Offshore Pipelines Securities Litigation</u> (S.D.N.Y.): A recovery of \$3 million was obtained for the class.

Gorga v. Uniroyal Chemical Corp. (Sup. Ct. Conn.): A recovery of \$3 million was obtained for the class.

<u>In re Amylin Pharms. Securities Litigation</u> (S.D. Cal.): A recovery of \$2.1 million was obtained for class.

### CLASS AND DERIVATIVE ACTIONS HANDLED BY WEISS & LURIE WHERE A SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT WAS OBTAINED FOR THE COMPANY AND/OR THE SHAREHOLDERS

In re Santa Fe Southern Pacific Corporation (Del. Ch.).

In re Genentech Shareholder Litigation (N.D. Cal.).

In re Beverly Enterprises Shareholder Litigation (Del. Ch.).

In re Tandon Computer Shareholder Litigation (C.D. Cal.).

In re Sears Shareholder Litigation (D. Ill.).

In re Xoma Shareholder Litigation (N.D. Cal.).

In re Castle Energy Corp. Shareholder Litigation (C.D. Cal.).

In re Times-Mirror, Inc. Shareholder Litigation (C.D. Cal.).

In re Lockheed Corp. Shareholder Litigation (C.D. Cal.).

In re Nexgen Securities Litigation (N.D. Cal.).

In re GT Greater Europe Securities Litigation (N.D. Cal.).

In re Pairgain Securities Litigation (S.D. Cal.).

In re AMI Securities Litigation (L.A. Superior).

Wallace v. Fox, et al. (Northeast Utilities) (D. Conn.).

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**HEADLINE:** Eaton Vance Announces New Financing Arrangement for Four Closed-End Funds -

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#### **BODY:**

Eaton Vance Corp. (NYSE: EV) announced today that four closed-end taxable income funds managed by its affiliate, Eaton Vance Management, have secured committed financing that the funds intend to use to redeem approximately two-thirds of their outstanding auction preferred shares ("APS") at a redemption price of \$25,000 per share of APS plus the amount of accumulated but unpaid dividends, for total consideration of approximately \$1.1 billion. The four closedend funds are: Eaton Vance Floating-Rate Income Trust (NYSE: EFT); Eaton Vance Senior Floating-Rate Trust (NYSE: EFR); Eaton Vance Credit Opportunities Fund (NYSE: EOE); and Eaton Vance Limited Duration Income Fund (AMEX: EVV) (collectively, the "Funds"). The financing arrangement is being entered into by the Funds and not by Eaton Vance Corp. With the new financing, the Funds intend to change their primary method of leverage from APS to a combination of debt and APS.

Subject to satisfying the notice and other requirements that apply to APS redemptions, a proportionate amount of each series of the Funds' APS is expected to be redeemed at the next dividend payable date on or after May 1, 2008. Financing availability and asset coverage considerations allow only a partial liquidation of the Funds' APS to be feasible at this time. Eaton Vance is working diligently to provide liquidity solutions that will enable the Funds to redeem their remaining outstanding APS. It is not certain when, or if, liquidity solutions will be available to the remaining APS holders of the Funds. Seewww.eatonvance.comunder closed-end fund press releases to view the Funds' announcement. To receive a hardcopy of this information call (800) 225-6265.

Eaton Vance manages 29 leveraged closed-end funds with approximately \$5 billion of APS outstanding collectively as of December 31, 2007. Completion of the APS redemptions being announced today, together with previously announced APS redemptions of approximately \$1.6 billion, will reduce the amount of outstanding APS for Eaton Vance-sponsored closed-end funds to approximately \$2.3 billion. Eaton Vance understands that the current disruption in the auction rate securities market imposes significant hardship on APS holders who need access to liquidity. Eaton Vance is working diligently to provide liquidity solutions for its funds' remaining APS holders, and is hopeful that it will be able to do so. Different solutions may be most workable for different types of funds (equity, taxable income and municipal income). The financing arrangement being announced today is workable only for the subject funds; other alternatives are being pursued for other types of funds. It is not certain when, or if, solutions will be available to APS holders of other funds.

#### **Conference Call**

A conference call to discuss the announced redemptions and other APS market developments will take place at 3:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, April 14, 2008. To listen to the call, dial 1-888-562-3356 and use the following access code: 43268210. A telephone replay of the conference call will be available beginning two hours after completion at 1-800-642-1687. To submit a question to be addressed on the conference call, please send in advance to CEFQuestions@eatonvance.com

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This news release contains statements that are not historical facts, referred to as "forward-looking statements." The Company's actual future results may differ significantly from those stated in any forward-looking statements, depending on factors such as changes in securities or financial markets or general economic conditions, the volume of sales and repurchases of fund shares, the continuation investment advisory, administration, distribution and service contracts, and other risks discussed from time to time in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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### **Auction Rate Preferred Securities: Daily Max Rates**

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Data as of 05/29/08

Cusip	Series	Auction Date	Max Rate
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PIMCO Municipal	Income Fund (PM	ΛF)	
72200R206	Α	5/23/2008	2.59
72200R305	В	5/27/2008	2.56
72200R404	С	5/28/2008	2.48
72200R503	D	5/22/2008	2.59
72200R602	Е	5/23/2008	2.59
PIMCO Municipal	Income Fund II (F	PML)	
72200W205	Α	5/23/2008	2.59
72200W304	В	5/27/2008	2.56
72200W403	С	5/28/2008	2.48
72200W502	D	5/22/2008	2.59
72200W601	E	5/23/2008	2.59
PIMCO Municipal	Income Fund III (	PMX)	
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72200U605	F	5/23/2008	3.35						
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72201B507	TH	5/22/2008	2.96						
72201B606	F	5/23/2008	3.35						
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65370G604	E	5/23/2008	3.35						
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Fund	Applicable Percentage	Χ	Reference Rate	=	Max Rate
Municipal Funds (PMF, PML, PMX, MAF, PCQ, PCK, PZC, PNF, PNI, PYN)	110%*	X	The higher of 30-day "AA" Composite Commercial Paper Rates or The Taxable Equivalent of the Short-Term Municipal Obligation Rate**	=	Max Rate for Municipal Funds***
Taxable Funds (PCN, PTY, PHK, NCV, NCZ)	150%	X	7-day "AA" Composite Commercial Paper Rates	=	Max Rate for Taxable Funds***
Floating Rate Funds (PFL, PFN)	125%	X +	The higher of 7-Day USD LIBOR or 7-day USD LIBOR	=	Max Rate for Floating Rate Funds***

<sup>\* 150%</sup> if all or part of the dividend consists of taxable income or capital gain.

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